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In re Application of:

Shunzou Ohshima

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For: SEMICONDUCTOR SWITCHING
DEVICE WITH FUNCTION FOR
VIBRATING CURRENT,
THEREBY SHUTTING DOWN
OVERCURRENT

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) Group Art Unit: 2836

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) Examiner: Unassigned

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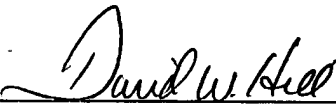
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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